REPORT

OF THE

GLASGOW

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE,

HELD IN THE

MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, CANNING ST., CALTON.

1st *JANUARY*, 1850.

President,

HARRISON BURGESS.

Clerk,

WALTER THOMPSON.

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THE presidents of the various branches met in William M'Ghie's School-room, on Monday evening, the 31st December. After the meeting was opened by prayer by Elder Joseph Clements, the following Reports were handed in:

REPORTS OF BRANCHES.

NAMES OF BRANCHES.	NAMES OF PRESIDENTS.	Number of Elders.	Number of Priests.	Number of Teachers	Number of Deacons.	Number of Members	Total number of officers and members.	Number Baptized this Quarter.	Number received by Letter.	Number removed by Letter out of the Conference.	Number removed by Letter in the Conference.	Number Emigrated to Zion this Quarter	Number cut off this Quarter.	Number died this Quarter.	Number of scattered Members.	Number of Stars in circulation.	Amount paid into the Conference Fund	Amount paid into the Travelling Expense Fund.	Amount donated to assist President Burgess home to the Valley of the Salt Lake.	Total Income that each Branch has donated for all purposes.
																	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Glasgow,	Wm. M'Keachie,	15	9	31	6	507	567	38	36	3	15	18	15	3	19	80	6 17 6	0 10 0	16 10 0	23 17 6
Airdrie,	H. Baxter,	6	5	5	4	84	105	11	18	7	14	2	7	1	8	37	1 5 6	0 8 0	2 2 0	3 15 6
Tollcross,	L. M'Fadyen.	3	2	4	1	73	83	4	6	0	2	0	3	0	10	25	0 12 2	0 2 0	2 3 3	2 17 5
Paisley,	John Bell,	4	3	4	2	80	93	5	6	2	0	0	3	0	2	21	1 2 0	0 16 0	5 4 0	7 2 0
Holytown,	Wm. Livingston,	5	4	4	2	70	85	10	4	1	8	1	1	0	0	25	0 16 6	0 3 0	2 0 0	2 19 6
Kilmarnock,	James Paton,	4	6	6	2	68	86	3	5	1	10	4	4	0	4	24	0 18 11	0 3 0	3 10 3	4 12 2
Kilbirnie,	H. Park.	3	4	3	2	70	82	5	9	0	4	0	0	0	0	22	1 0 0	0 11 0	2 3 0	3 14 0
Greenock,	Peter M'Farlane,	5	4	4	2	62	77	8	3	0	2	0	1	0	6	25	1 0 0	0 10 0	2 9 6	3 19 6
Rutherglen,	A. Ferguson,	2	3	1	1	34	41	2	3	0	6	0	2	0	4	11	0 8 10	0 8 11½	4 0 0	4 17 9½
Dalry,	W. Sturrock,	4	4	6	2	55	71	19	4	0	9	0	4	0	5	11	0 8 1	0 8 7	1 3 6	2 0 2
Thornliebank,	Robert M'Mickle,	3	2	2	3	42	52	4	8	0	3	3	0	1	0	16	0 11 3	0 6 0	2 1 6	2 18 9
Johnstone,	Robert Watson,	4	0	3	0	31	38	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	2	} 20	0 9 8	0 6 0	1 11 6	2 7 2
Bridge of Weir,	Robert Watson,	2	1	0	1	22	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		0 7 0	0 4 0	1 2 6	1 13 6
Maybole,	R. Murray,	1	1	1	1	22	26	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0 4 0	0 4 6	0 10 6	0 19 0
Ayr,	D. M'Clanathan,	2	0	2	0	27	31	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	0 5 9	0 2 6	1 3 6	1 11 9
Vale of Leven,	Robert Meiklejohn,	2	2	2	1	29	36	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	10	0 8 0	0 9 0½	0 10 0	1 7 0½
Campsie,	R. Scott,	2	2	1	1	33	39	11	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	16	0 9 0	0 7 0	1 19 0	2 15 0
Lanark,	A. Maxwell,	1	6	3	2	55	67	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	13	0 9 8	0 2 0	1 14 10	2 6 6
Knightswood,	R. Cunningham,	2	3	3	0	23	31	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	4	4	0 7 0	0 2 0	1 17 0	2 6 0
Balfron,	R. Walkinshaw,	1	1	1	1	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0 0 0	0 7 0	0 10 6	0 17 6
Irvine,	William Aird,	4	2	2	1	36	45	6	7	0	1	0	2	2	3	7	0 8 6	0 6 0	0 18 0	1 12 6
Stewarton.	John Miller,	1	1	2	2	15	21	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0 3 6	0 0 0	0 19 9	1 3 3
Auchinearn,	Robert Brighton,	2	1	1	1	21	26	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0 6 0	0 5 0	1 7 0	1 18 0
Girvan,	John Scott,	1	3	2	1	19	26	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0 0 0	0 1 6	0 5 9	0 7 3
Renfrew,	A. Hogg,	2	1	1	1	11	16	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	0 3 6	0 1 6	0 7 0	0 12 0
Total,		81	70	94	40	1497	1782	137	119	17	79	30	54	8	72	389	19 2 4	7 4 7	58 3 10	84 10 9

After the reports were given in, the meeting dismissed, to meet again at half-past 10 o'clock, on Tuesday forenoon.

TUESDAY FORENOON.

The meeting being called to order, and the hymn on the 293rd page sung, Elder Joseph Clements engaged in prayer. After singing again the hymn, "Come, go with me," President Burgess arose, and said that, circumstances were such, that he would have to leave for Liverpool at one o'clock to-day; and he would therefore move that Elder Joseph Clements take the presidency of this meeting; which was seconded by Elder Wm. M'Keachie, and unanimously carried.

President Joseph Clements then moved that Walter Thomson be Clerk of this meeting to-day. Seconded, and unanimously carried.

He then called upon the Clerk to read over the reports given in by the Presidents last evening. After the reading of the reports, President Burgess moved that these reports be accepted; which was seconded, and carried unanimously.

He then said it was impossible for him to report at present how the Conference fund stood; but he would say he has a few shillings in his hands, and likewise Brother Clements has a few, more than has covered the necessary expenses of last quarter. He could not say how much altogether was over, but he would write from Liverpool to-morrow evening, and state that; and it would be well for this meeting to say what is to be done with that money he had on hand.

Elder Wm. M'Keachie arose, and said, it is a general thing in Scotland that New-Year's gifts are given; and he would move that Brother Burgess receive the few shillings as a gift.

Seconded, and unanimously carried.

President Burgess then said, with regard to the Conference fund, some think it is not necessary to pay 3d. a-head in the quarter for every member in the Conference, because there may not be a vote passed about it; but he considered it just as little as what the Conference can get along with—it will do no more than cover the expenses of the quarter, though the Conference expenses will not be so great as what it has been. But Brother Clements has a wife and family in the city of Philadelphia, and it would be as well for her to be assisted a little, and he presumed the Saints would just as well that he should have it as any others. It would also supply Brother Clements in a little clothing, and have a little money to send to his wife too, and cover the necessary expenses of the quarter. And he would move that it be continued, namely, 3d. a-head for every member the presidents represent at Conference.

Seconded, and unanimously carried.

The Clerk then requested of the presidents when they bring in their reports at Conference meetings, of those baptized, cut off, or died during the quarter, to hand in full particulars; and any women that are married when they enter the church, state her proper name; if her name is Janet

(or any other name), say Mrs. Janet so and so, and not give her her husband's first name; and those that they cut off, or die, if they have not been baptized in their branch, let it be stated what branch they came from originally (that is, where they were baptized), so that the branch record in the Conference book may be turned up, and these items entered opposite their names. And females who enter the church unmarried, if they get married after they enter the church, and are afterwards cut off or die, let it be stated in the president's reports, their name, when they were baptized, also her husband's name; so that their names may be easily found on the record. The same will apply to any who emigrate, or leave the conference; and when the priesthood is taken from any officer, let it be also stated in the president's report the name and date when the office was taken from him,—these items are to be mentioned particularly, so that a complete record may be kept.

President Clements then said, The presidents should be very particular in handing in these items the clerk has spoken of, so that a perfect record may be kept. If these things are not attended to, many mistakes may occur, for out of the books we are to be judged. There is great utility, in keeping a record, to keep a strict account of all things in connection with the ministry, and it would be well for all heads of families to keep a private journal, and a record of their relations who have passed off this stage of action; and let it be remembered, in respect to the resurrection, it will just be according to the things written in the books that we will be judged. There is an order in these things that it will be necessary for us to attend to, and if these things are not written in the books, it will be a long time before we make up what we may lose in the time we are searching for them. The ideas of getting saved, in the kingdom of God, among the Christian world, are that they are just to pass into heaven without any particular plan, if they only pray to the Lord to receive their soul; but it is not so in the kingdom of God. There is a particular plan of the great Jehovah laid down, and it will be necessary for us to attend to it strictly. Perfect order must be attended to, and he hopes they will gather up all things,—particularly those that are heads of families—an account of all they can get of their geneology, whom they have sprung from, with an account of their forefathers, births, deaths, and where buried; and he hoped the Saints will be diligent as far as it is in their power, not only in recording baptisms and ordinations, but all these things will be necessary. By attending to order in the kingdom of God, we will finally renovate the earth, and bring to pass all things spoken of by the prophets of God. The reason mankind has not done it is because they have transgressed the laws, and broken the everlasting covenant. They would not observe the order of God, wanted an order to please themselves; so he withdrew his spirit from the children of men, and they are now far removed from the Almighty.

President Burgess then said, that, Owing to circumstances, he will have to leave us this afternoon at one o'clock. He would have been happy to have stayed this evening with us, but circumstances are such that he considered it best for him to go. There is no person that I could get to take care of my luggage, and there are so many sharpers in Liverpool, that I would run the risk of losing it unless I go myself, and by going with the

steamer he would save 25s. or 30s., and taking these things into consideration it will be as well for me to go in the afternoon. Brother Clements has promised to do his own part and mine both at your social meeting, and he would say to the Saints he feels grateful for the kind reception he has received, for their liberality, and their attention to him; and, considering the circumstances they were placed in, they have done well in what they have donated to assist him home. When he came to this conference there was £6 of the old Conference debt to pay. He has got that paid; and the £82 donated to Brother Kelsey has been raised all to a few shillings; and between £50 and £60 donated for himself has also been raised, all in the space of six months, together with the necessary expenses of the Conference. And the Saints have done well, very well, considering all these circumstances. They have done better for him than Brother Kelsey, though he has got the most. He does not feel insulted, or having lost their confidence, because he has not received as much. He is heartily satisfied, and he leaves light-hearted, and goes away believing before God he has done his duty, and he believes as long as he does his duty he will find plenty of friends. He would now recommend to the Saints Elder Joseph Clements, who is to succeed him in the presidency of this Conference, to obey his instructions and counsel that he may give them, and by so doing they will be greatly blessed.

The following resolutions were then brought before the meeting:—

First, That we uphold and sustain by our faith and prayers Brigham Young, and his two counsellors, Heber C. Kimball and Williard Richards, as the first presidency of the church in all the world.—Seconded, and carried unanimously.

Second, That we sustain the Quorum of the Twelve as the travelling High Council of the Church in all the world.—Carried unanimously.

Third, That we uphold and sustain our beloved brother, Orson Pratt, as the president of the church in the British Isles.—Carried unanimously.

Fourth, That we highly approve of the labours of Elder Harrison Burgess since he came to preside over this Conference, having conducted himself as a servant of the most high God, in so much that we have been greatly blessed and edified through the instructions and counsels he has given us, and that we give him a letter of recommendation to the authorities of the church to that effect.—Carried unanimously.

Fifth, That we uphold and sustain by our faith, and prayer, and means, our beloved brother, Joseph Clements, as president over this Conference.—Carried unanimously.

Sixth, That we uphold the presidents of conferences, the presidents of branches, William M'Keachie as our "Star" agent, Walter Thomson as Conference clerk; and finally that we continue to uphold and sustain all the different officers and quorums in all the world.—Carried unanimously.

It was moved that Elder Matthew Rowan labour in the same region of country that he did last quarter.

The following changes were then made in the priesthood:—

For Airdrie Branch—Gavin Finlay, deacon, to the office of priest; John Colvin and Joseph Graham, teachers, to the office of priest; James

Wilson and George Law, deacons, to the office of teacher; William Morris, member, to the office of deacon.

For Dalry branch—Duncan Steele, member, to the office of deacon.

Auchinearn branch—John Henderson, priest, to the office of elder; William Brighton, deacon, to the office of teacher.

Kilmarnock branch—John Drennan, priest, to elder.

Elder Burgess then moved, that we sustain and sanction the appointment of Elder Hamilton Park, to the Presidency of the Kilbirnie branch, in the place of Elder Baxter, who is about to emigrate.—Seconded, and unanimously carried.

Also, that we sustain the appointment of Elder Arthur Maxwell, to the Presidency of the Lanark branch, Elder Hargrave, having removed.—Seconded, and unanimously carried.

The number of officers present was then taken, and is as follows:—

One high priest; two of the seventys; 29 elders; 14 priests; 27 teachers; eight deacons.

Elder W. M'Keachie then said, that in consequence of Brother Burgess leaving us before our social meeting in the evening, it would be better to present him with his Plaid and Bonnet, this forenoon, instead of keeping him and doing it in the evening.

Elder William M'Ghie, then presented Brother Burgess with the Scottish emblems, the Plaidie and Bonnet, in the name of the Glasgow Conference, as a token of the respect and esteem that he was held in by the Saints.

Brother M'Ghie delivered some very appropriate remarks on this occasion.

Elder Burgess arose and said,—He felt truly grateful and happy to be presented with this token of the respect and esteem that he was held in by the Saints; he would have been very happy to have remained until the evening, but as he said before, circumstances are such, that he must go before that, and he felt disposed to crave that the blessings of Almighty God may rest upon them, and that in this life they may be rewarded fourfold, and in the world to come an hundred fold, and when he is in the Valley of the Salt Lake, and arrays himself in these Scottish emblems he will remember this parting, and will raise his voice in prayer in their behalf, and will also hold them in honourable remembrance; he must now take farewell with them, and may the God of Heaven bless them, and may the kingdom of God roll on; may Zion arise and shine, and the kingdoms of this world be taken and given to the Saints of the most high God, and they possess them, is my prayer, Amen.

Elder William Gibson, President, of the Edinburgh Conference, then made a few remarks, that he was glad to meet again with the brothers and sisters of this Conference; he always made it his study to attend their Conference meetings, but he thought this would be the last one he would have the privilege of being with them; he also stated, he had been in

England for the last few weeks, and that he found the same spirit among the Saints there as in Scotland.

All persons sending letters to either the president of Conference, the Star agent of the same, or the clerk, let them write in a plain and legible hand, so that it can be easily read.

It is Brother Clement's desire, that there be a Conference Marriage Record kept, and the clerks of the various branches are requested to report all marriages, with full particulars, to the general Church recorder of the Conference. The necessary items to be sent in as follows:

M—— C—— to J—— K——,

J—— K——, born 10th August, 1824, town and parish of Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland. and M—— C——, born 16th September, 1825, Hutchesontown, Glasgow, Gorbals parish, Lanarkshire, Scotland, united in matrimony 23rd March, 1849, by Elder E—— B—— R——, at Partick, Govan parish, near Glasgow.

Let the above form be strictly observed.

It will be seen by refering to the Report, on second page, that the receipts for the Conference fund amounts to £19 2 4

Expenditure of the same.

Boarding for Elder Harrison Burgess and others,.....	£2	5	2
Clothing for himself,.....	7	10	8
To Brother Graham Douglas,.....	2	4	0
Boarding for Travelling Elders.....	2	0	0
To Brother M'Ghie, and others,.....	0	8	0
Paid to Elders out of Conference...,.....	3	8	6
To paper and stamps,.....	0	15	3
	£18	11	7

Brother Clements, audited the General Star Agent's Books, and the following is the result. Due to the office in Liverpool..... £101 5 0

To meet which he had—

Cash on hand, ...	£21	0	0
36 Spencer's Letters, at 1s. 6d. each,.....	2	14	0
39 Books of Mormon at 2s. 6d. each,.....	4	17	6
20 Do. do Doctrine and Covenants, at 2s. each,.....	2	0	0
31 Voice of Warnings 1s. 3d. each,.....	1	18	9
16 Hymn Books, at 1s. 3d. each,.....	1	0	0
4 Extra Bound Hymn Books, at 4s. each,.....	0	16	0
4 Extra Bound Books of Mormon,.....	1	4	0
Millennial Stars, on hand 2689, at 2d each,.....	22	8	2
308 Absurdities of Immaterialism,.....	3	1	10
313 New Jerusalems, ...	2	7	2
223 Mormonism Triumphant,.....	2	5	0
21 Replys to Remarks on Mormonism,.....	0	3	6
5 Divine Authorities, at 1½d.....	0	0	7½
15 Dialogues of Joseph, ...	0	2	2
36 Plates, Joseph preaching to the Indians, at 1s 8d	2	19	2
6 Volumes of the Sixth Volume, Times and Seasons,.....	1	16	0
To Books sent to branches since the balance at Conference	3	1	9
Conference Reports, ...	0	7	1
	£74	2	8¼

Debts due by the following branches—

Holytown branch,	£4	14	6	
Lanark,	1	19	5½	
Rutherglen,	1	4	3	
Tollcross.	4	18	9	
Bushby,	0	5	0	
Bonhill,	0	4	6	
Greenock,	0	6	6	
Johnstone,	3	2	5	
Kilbirnie,	0	9	9	
Dalry,	2	1	10	
Stewarton,	0	3	10	
Kilmarnock,	0	11	7	
Maybole,	0	4	0½	
Ayr,	1	16	7	
Glasgow,	6	0	0	
Odd Debts,	1	9	6	
Airdrie,	8	0	0	
	£37	12	5	
Total Amount for Book,	74	2	8½	
				£111 15 1½

This shows a balance in favour of Brother M'Keachie of £10 9 11½

It is requested that the presidents of the various branches see that their Star agents send in all monies on hand at the end of every six weeks, and likewise give a true and correct account of all books on hand; and each president is held responsible to see that the account of his branch is settled, either in books or money, with the general Star agent of the Conference at the end of each quarter.

(If the above is not attended to, books and Stars will not be sent until complied with.)

It will be seen by referring to the report of Stars on hand, that the Saints do not seem to realize the worth of the knowledge contained in them, and it is hoped the president of the various branches will use their exertions to give the Star a wider circulation, in their respective branches, as there is not over 400 of each number sold in a Conference of 1782 members.

Address of the President of the Conference: Mr Joseph Clements, at Mrs Wand's. No. 2 Norfolk Court, Laurieston, Glasgow.

Star Agent of the Conference,—William M'Keachie, No. 7 Graham Street, Glasgow:

Clerk of the Conference,—Walter Thomson, No. 21 James Street, Glasgow.